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SUBJECT: NEO-FASCIST EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP DISSOLVED BY
GOVERNMENT

1. GOVERNMENT NOV. 22 DISSOLVED NEO-FASCIST, EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY
ORDINE NUOVO POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND ORDERED ITS PROPERTY CONFIS-
CATED. ACTION RESULTS FROM FIRST COURT SENTENCE UNDER 1952
"SCELBA LAW" BANNING RECONSTITUTION OF FASCIST PARTY. 30 ORDINE
NUOVO ACTIVISTS CONVICTED BY ROME COURT, INCLUDING MOVEMENT LEADER
CLEMENTE GRAZIANI, RECEIVED SENTENCES RANGING FROM 5 YEARS THREE
MONTHS TO SIX MONTHS. VERDICTS HAVE BEEN APPEALED, BUT SCELBA
LAW ALLOWS GOVERNMENT TO ACT BY MINISTERIAL DECREE ON INITIAL
SENTENCE.

2. ORDINE NUOVO FIRST FORMED IN EARLY FIFTIES BY DISSIDENT,
EXTREMIST YOUTH FACTION IN MSI LED BY PINO RAUTI (ELECTED MSI
DEPUTY IN MAY 1972). RAUTI GROUP ESPOUSED STRONGLY RACIST
VIEWS AND MISHMASH OF ANTI-COMMUNIST, ANTI-CAPITALIST THEORIES
LINKED CLOSELY TO THOSE TOUTED BY ITALIAN FASCIST PARTY. RAUTI
BROKE WITH MSI IN 1956, BUT REJOINED PARTY IN LATE 1969 AFTER
ALMIRANTE BECAME PARTY SECRETARY AND ADOPTED POLICY OF TRYING TO
BRING MSI FRINGE GROUPS BACK TO FOLD. DISSIDENT MEMBERS OF
RAUTI GROUP REFUSED TO FOLLOW THEIR LEADER AND SET UP
ORDINE NUOVO POLITICAL MOVEMENT. MOVEMENT IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE ABOUT
600 MEMBERS WITH OFFICES IN ABOUT 12 CITIES AND INFORMAL GATHERING
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IN ABOUT 20 MORE.

3. MSI-NATIONAL RIGHT, OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED BY COURT AND GOVERNMENT ACTION, REPORTED EVENT ON LOCAL PAGE OF PARTY PAPER. PAPER DISASSOCIATED MSI FROM ORDINE NUOVO GROUP BUT DECRIED FIRM APPLICATION OF SCELBA LAW. ACCEPTING STRANGE BEDFELLOWS, NOV 23 EDITION CITES LEFT-WING RADICAL PARTY OPPOSITION TO SCELBA LAW APPLICATION. ORDINE NUOVO ITSELF HAS ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING IT WILL CONTINUE BATTLE AGAINST BOURGEOISE AND DEMOCRATIC STATE AND AGAINST "PSEUDO-REVOLUTIONARIES" OF RIGHT AND LEFT WHICH SUPPORT IT.

4. COMMENT: MAIN SIGNIFICANCE OF GOVERNMENT ACTION LIES IN PRECEDENT IT CREATES FOR FUTURE ACTION AGAINST OTHER EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY RIGHT-WING FORCES AND THREAT AGAINST MSI ITSELF, WHOSE LEADER, ALMIRANTE, HAD HIS PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY LIFTED IN MAY AND MAY FACE TRIAL UNDER SCELBA LAW PROVISIONS. SOME PAPERS ARE ALREADY SPECULATION THAT NEO-FASCIST AVANGUARDIA NAZIONALE MAY BE NEXT ON MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S LIST. SPEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF DECREE WILL BE GENERALLY POPULAR AND HEARTILY SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT PARTIES AS WELL AS LEFT OPPOSITION. VOLPE

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